(b) if so, the assistance proposed to the University to construct its own building; and

(c) the help received from the UNESCO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Autonomy to colleges in Karnataka by UGC

1148. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has granted autonomy to some colleges in Karnataka; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), autonomy has not been granted to any college of Karnataka so far. An Expert Committee has, however, already been constituted by the UGC to evaluate the proposals for grant of autonomous status received from eight colleges of Mysore University. Besides, the UGC is scrutinizing fifteen more proposals recently received from the colleges of Karnataka.

CBSE courses in schools of other countries

1149. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in other countries that offer CBSE courses;

(b) the names of the countries where these schools are located;

(c) whether Government intend to introduce CBSE and other courses to under-developed countries in bilateral agreements;